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Dear Mr. Oliff:

This is in response to your letter received 08 May 2006 inquiring about the status of U.S.C. 371 patent application 10/559,762 (Docket Number 126711) filed 07 December 2005. According to the USPTO records, the application papers have been received in the Office and are undergoing pre-examination procedures. It should also be noted that the Office is experiencing a big backlog up to 8 months in the processing of national stage applications and the U.S. Designated/Elected Office will issue an office action in due course. All further inquiries about the status of this application may be addressed to Catherine Short, Manager of the U.S. Designated/Elected Office at (703) 308-9140, extension 220.

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